

Remarks

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1 and 4-19 are pending in the application, with 1, 9, 13 and 19 being the independent claims. Claims 2, 3 and 20 are sought to be cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Based on the above amendment and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claim 20 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. Sec. 102(b) as being anticipated by Markle (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0272826 A1). Claim 20 has been cancelled, thus rendering its rejection moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants acknowledge and respectfully thank the Examiner for the allowance of claims 1 and 4-19.

Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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